

allowed to SC/ST candidates in the prescribed qualifications and criteria for promotion to these posts.

(d) The staff who are directly connected with safety in train operation are classified as holders of 'Safety Category' posts on the Railways. Drivers being directly connected with the movement of trains, have been included in the list of safety category.

#### **Statement**

##### *The Posts included in safety category*

#### **Operating Department :**

1. Transportation Inspectors.
2. ASMs/Cabin ASMs/Station Suptd. (Non-gazetted) SMs/ Dy. SSs.
3. Guards.
4. Yard Masters/AYMs/Yard Foreman.
5. Switchmen and Shunting Jamadars.
6. Section Controllers/Dy. Chief Controllers/Chief Controllers.
7. Safety Counsellors/Safety Inspectors.

#### **Civil Engineering Department :**

8. Bridge Inspectors.
9. Permanent Way Inspectors.
10. Asstt. Foreman-cum-Operator (Plassermatic Tie Tamping).
11. Operator-cum-Chargeman (Tie Tamping).
12. Section Mate, Keyman and P. Way Ministry.
13. Asstt. Shop Suptd. (Bridge Workshops).

#### **Signal and Telecommunication Department :**

14. Signal Inspectors.
15. Elec. Signal Maintainer and Mechanical Signal Maintainers.
16. Asstt. Shop Superintendent (Axle Counter Production and Inspection, Production and Overhauling of Relays, Tokenless Block Instrument Testing).
17. Relay Inspectors.
18. Telecommunication Inspectors.
19. Telecommunication Maintainers.
20. Wireless Telecommunication Maintainer.

#### **Mechanical/Electrical Departments :**

21. Driver/Assistant Driver/Diesel Assistant/Motorman/Tower Wagon Driver/Motor Trolley Driver.

22. Loco Foreman/Asstt. Loco Foreman/Electric Foreman/Asstt. Shop Suptd./Chargeman (OHE Substation/Remote Control/Loco Train lighting, Air Conditioning (Coach), Mech. Foreman/Asstt. Mech. Foreman, Chargeman (Loco)/E.M.U. Running Sheds).
23. Carriage Foreman/Wagon Foreman.
24. Loco Inspectors/Driving Instructors.
25. Train Examiner (Mech/Elec./EMU/Loco).
26. Shunter.
27. Carriage and Wagon Inspector.
28. Power Controller/Traction Loco Controller/Traction Power Controller/Traction Sub-Station Operator.
29. Traction Foreman/Traction Foreman (Running).
30. Engine Examiner/Lubricating Supervisor.
31. Boiler Inspector, Boiler Foreman/Asstt. Boiler Foreman, Boiler-maker Chargeman.
32. Asstt. Shop Suptd. concerned with Train Lighting & Air Conditioning only.
33. Safety Inspectors.
34. Laboratory Suptd./Chemical & Met. Asstt.
35. Loco Fitters/C&W Fitters/Wheel Tapers/Fitters in Diesel Sheds and E.M.U. and Elec. Sheds/Milwright Fitters/Welders of all Departments, Train Lighting and Air Condition (Coach) Fitters.
36. Design Asstts. of all Departments.
37. Auto Drivers/Fork Lift Drivers/Crane Drivers (Mobile or EOT Cranes/Traverser Drivers/Sligners and Gunners).
38. Shop Superintendent (Mech./Elec.)/Asstt. shop Superintendent (Mech. & Elec.)/Lab. Superintendent/Chemical and Metallurgical Assistants.
39. Senior Electrical Foreman/Chargeman/Sub-Station Operator for general services including power houses.
40. Leading Fireman (Steam Loco).

#### **Introduction of New Trains in Uttar Pradesh**

5317. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce new trains in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Introduction of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and resource availability. The train services planned during the

year 1997-98 which would also serve Uttar Pradesh includes the following Express trains :

1. Secunderabad-Nizamuddin Weekly Rajdhani
2. Bangalore-Nizamuddin Weekly Express via Hubli
3. Ranchi-Delhi biweekly Express
4. Vishakhapatnam-Nizamuddin biweekly Express
5. Gorakhpur-Dehradun biweekly Express
6. Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Weekly Express
7. Delhi-Faizabad/Muzaffarpur Weekly Express
8. Surat-Patna Weekly Express
9. Pune-Nizamuddin Weekly Express.

#### **New Railway Line**

5318. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total mileage of new railway lines laid down in various parts of the country during the last three years till date;

(b) the total mileage out of that laid down in Gujarat;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Gujarat for laying new railway lines in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) 217 kms. new line have been laid during last 3 years.

(b) Nil.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details are as under :—

(i) *Kapadvanj-Modasa line* is already under construction. State Govt. has requested for higher allocation to speed up the work. Accordingly, budget allotment of Rs. 5 crs. would be raised to Rs. 10 crs. after the additional budgetary support is received.

(ii) *Extension of railway line from Veraval to Kodinar*—Survey has been taken up. Further consideration of the project would be taken up once the survey report becomes available.

(iii) *Construction of a coastal line from Veraval to Bhavnagar via Pipavav and Alang*—survey has been taken up. Further consideration of the project would be taken up once the survey report becomes available.

(iv) *Extension of line from Mahuva to Pipavav*—This has already been included in scope of project of gauge

conversion of Surendernagar-Bhavnagar-Dhola-Dhasa-Mahuva with extension upto Pipavav.

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#### **Strike By MTNL Employees**

5319. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in protest against the murder of an employee of this nlgam are on strike since 21-4-1997;

(b) if so, the details of the demands of these employees;

(c) the action taken against the officers and employees found guilty;

(d) the amount of loss of revenue incurred by the Nigam during this strike; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government against the guilty officials for not handling the situation properly?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Some staff members staged lunch hour demonstrations at Khurshid Lai Bhavan from 21.4.97 to 25.4.97.

(b) The demands were :

1. Hand over the case to CBI for investigation.

2. Arrest of Sh. D.K. Aggarwal, D.E. (Outdoor), Kidwai Bhavan.

3. Immediate financial assistance of Rs. 5/6 lacs to the mother of deceased.

(c) The matter is still under investigation by the Delhi Police.

(d) The agitation by the employees was restricted to lunch time and therefore there was no loss of productivity and revenue.

(e) The matter is still under investigation by the Delhi Police and the action would be taken after the receipt of the Police report.

#### **Minerals in Gujarat**

5320. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of Mines be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are adequate and large number of mineral deposits in some States including Gujarat especially in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to explore the minerals or to nationalise the mines in Gujarat;

(d) Whether the Government have received any proposals regarding the nationalisation of mines from some